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Agenda

No questions: **LTFUA's / Renewal Criteria & Performance Framework / Authorizing Policy & Oversight**

Discussion Questions

Ad-Hoc North Star: BD5 Representation

- Due to timing, it is possible we do not know which candidate will get through Tuesday's primary in time to extend an invite for regional meeting. In addition, an immediate public appearance with the charter community could harm a candidate's chances, rather than help. Therefore we suggest focusing on a legislator, but we need to have a plan B if we can't secure one. Would you like to hear from Myrna or Gregory? Any other speaker suggestions?

Legislative Advocacy

- Should we consider creating an LAAC sub-committee to guide our locally-drive rapid-response to Sacramento as a follow-up to the step-back next week? (More details below).

Review Requested

March 7th Step-Back Agenda (Draft) (Attached Below as well)
March 11th Conference Regional Meeting (Draft) (Attached Below as well)

Pre-Reading

North Star: Long-Term Facilities Use Agreements

Create a formal and sustainable system for long-term facilities use agreements between LAUSD and charter schools beginning in the 2019-20 school year, where long-term is defined to be petition co-terminus or longer, by establishing a clear change in facilities policy.

- **Current Strategy:**
  - Our strategy is to maximize opportunities aligned with LAUSD leadership (e.g., Superintendent Beutner and Board Vice President Melvoin) and their facilities-related priorities. In doing so, we will strategically challenge the District's assertion that long-term facilities use agreements are legally untenable under Prop 39 while expeditiously pursuing other viable paths toward implementing multi-year agreements.
- **What Happened Last Week:**
  - On Friday evening we talked to the Board District 4 office about long-term facilities agreements and possible school-specific solutions and also about the post-strike and pre-BD5 seating time window. Looking to set up a meeting with LAAC leadership and the board member ASAP.
- **What's Happening Next Week:**
  - We will present our plan to the Los Angeles Advocacy Council (LAAC) at its annual step-back meeting on March 7 and seek alignment and support of next advocacy steps.
- **Working Group Updates:**
  - No updates.

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North Star: Renewal Criteria & Performance Framework

In the absence of updated statewide criteria, secure LAUSD charter renewal criteria that prioritizes student academic outcomes and – only when necessary – considers multiple measures but does not substitute academic achievement with non-academic outcome measures of limited value.
Secure a performance framework that lays the foundation for system-wide school improvement through a similar focus on student academic achievement. At a minimum, charter renewal criteria will remain protected as LAUSD adopts a performance framework for all public schools.

- **Current Strategy:**
  - **The most enduring way to fix renewal criteria is to ensure that state law is updated in a way consistent with our accountability principles. We are working with the district on the possibility of a bill that would update renewal criteria. Should that fail, we will continue to work on local criteria.**
- **What Happened Last Week:**
  - **Our GA and SPAR teams built out a basic legislative proposal, submitted the language through legislative council's office, and worked to secure a spot bill author.**
- **What's Happening Next Week:**
  - We will discuss this proposal with district and board members.
- **Working Group Updates:**

North Star: Authorizing Policy & Oversight

Fundamentally improve the authorization and oversight experience for LA charter schools and the relationship between authorizer and charter schools in LA by securing structural reforms at LAUSD. In addition, continue to monitor OIG activity as it relates to LAUSD authorized charter schools.

- **Current Strategy:**
  - Our strategy is to build the case that CSD fails to efficiently and competently implement existing authorization and oversight policy and support a call for systemic structural and personnel within CSD.
- **What Happened Last Week:**
  - We heard concerns from a CMO about CSD's interpretation of charter school verification obligations under the state's mandated reporter laws as they pertain to school vendors and independent contractors. We are surveying other schools to see if the potentially problematic interpretation is CSD-wide or limited to the assertion of just the school's oversight team. We will engage CSD directly concerning its interpretation.
- **What's Happening Next Week:**
  - We will discuss this priority and next steps with the LAAC at its annual step-back meeting on March 7 and seek alignment and support on next steps.
- **Working Group Updates:**
  - No new updates.

Ad-Hoc North Star: BD5 Representation

Maintain a kids-first local authorizing environment by securing: 1) interim appointment of a representative who supports the Superintendent and aligned board members; and 2) A special election primary in March; 3) LAAC alignment with a PAC.

- **Current Strategy:**

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- LA RA is working with CCSA's Civic Affairs, Operations, and Organizing teams to prepare for the March 5 primary election.

- **What Happened Last Week:**
  - This week, we planned and performed outreach to charter leaders on the March 2 nonpartisan voter turnout collective-action event. Both Nick Melvoin and Ana Ponce committed to attending the event, and partners from Parent Revolution and SpeakUp were in attendance as well. We have asked each organization to turn out between 5-10 people to attend the event. *As we increasingly believe the race will go to a runoff, we believe the Saturday event is an opportunity to build some basic campaign infrastructure.*
- **What's Happening Next Week:**
  - On Monday, CCSA staff and other members of the charter community will gather on Monday for a final round of GOTV outreach for our nonpartisan campaign. Following the election, we will re-assess the electoral landscape in BD5.
- **PAC Updates:**
  - If the election goes into a runoff, we will re-convene the L.A. PAC to re-assess their endorsement recommendations to CCSA Advocates.

Additional Updates

Enrollment

- We shared out information from GPSN to members about the plan to significantly expand the ApplyLA platform for next year; the GPSN team will likely hold a call for interested charter leaders the week of March 18.

Legislative Advocacy

- **SB 126 (transparency) passed. CCSA remained neutral and will support schools in understanding how to comply with these new requirements. Changes for schools in LAUSD should be modest.**
- **The Oakland Board agreed to consider a resolution in support of CTA's anti-charter legislation (AB1505, 1506, 1507, 1508). We should expect similar pressure on LAUSD.**
- **Given how fast legislation can move in Sacramento—and how quickly both the content of bills and their timelines for hearing can change—we should consider a more structured approach for engaging the LAAC in rapid response to legislation. Options include: a) forming a working group or subcommittee (our GA team is doing this for SB740, and it's chaired by Annabelle); b) engaging the whole LAAC in legislation-specific emails/calls on a weekly basis; c) working through LAAC leadership on a case-by-case basis.**

Parcel Tax

- On Wednesday, the L.A. Unified Board of Education unanimously voted, 6-0, to place a parcel tax measure on the June 4 special election ballot that proposes to assess a $0.16 per square foot annual tax on parcels within L.A. Unified boundaries for the next 12 years. The district anticipates the tax will generate approximately $500,000,000 in annual revenue and could result in an additional $500-$600 per in-district student for Los Angeles public schools. CCSA strongly advocated and mobilized members to ensure that all Los Angeles public charter schools, including charters authorized by LAUSD, LACOE and the SBE, were explicitly included in the district's resolution and proposed ballot materials. We also fought hard to include critical language that protects the "reasonably equivalent" distribution of funds per ADA for in-District charter students. We are monitoring some community and business group concern with the parcel tax proposal overall and potential union lobbying to limit charter inclusion that

may occur before the March 8 ballot material submission deadline and March 13 final amendment deadline

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LOS ANGELES ADVOCACY COUNCIL

Our mission is to transform the public school system so that all district and charter students have access to high-quality public schools.

March 2019 Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 7th – 9:00am-12:00pm
CCSA Los Angeles Office
250 E. 1st Street, 10th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90012

For Discussion	**Opening Remarks**	**9:05am – 9:10am**
	Welcome and revisiting norms / mission / vision	Emilio Pack

For Discussion	**BD5 Representation**	**9:10am – 9:30am**
	Non-partisan conversation debriefing the policy implications of the BD5 March 5 primary election	Emilio Pack / Cristina and PAC Reps?

For Discussion	**Job Action and Moratorium Resolution Debrief – Part I**	**9:30am – 9:50am**
	Review new charter awareness and favorability / opposition polling data with Q&A to ground step-back and planning	Lee Condon

For Discussion	**Job Action and Moratorium Resolution Debrief – Part II**	**9:50am-10:45am**
	The LAAC will review and discuss current environment and impact on 2018 – 19 LAAC priorities <u>Small Group Debrief (15 minutes)</u> • Job Action and Resolution Pluses • Job Action and Resolution Deltas <u>Small Group Debrief & Share Out (10minutes)</u>	Emilio Pack and Cristina de Jesus

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	• Guiding Questions: • What are the most important or common takeaways from the gallery walk? Environment SWOT Analysis (30mintues) • What are the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats for the charter community in our current environment? • Share out two biggest takeaways with broader group.	

For Discussion	**8 Week Priorities Spring**	**10:45am-11:25am**

	Review and update the 8 week north-star project plans
	
	<u>Small Group (20 minutes)</u>
	• 8 Week Plan Review
	• Groups broken up by related North Star
	  o Long-Term Facilities Use Agreements (1 group)
	  o Renewal Criteria and Performance Framework (1 group)
	• Modify final workplans
	
	<u>Small Groups Present Out for Q&A and Discussion (20 minutes)</u>
		Emilio Pack

Pre-Reading	2018-19 LAAC Priorities Status and 8 week plans	

For Discussion	**Legislative Advocacy...**	**11:25am-11:55am**
	Update on legislative cycle and generate commitments around local collective action.	Cristina de Jesus Keith Dell'Aquila

For Discussion	**Next Steps**	**11:55am-12:00pm**
	LAAC will review and discuss next steps related to: • Conference • Leadership Transition?	Emilio Pack Cassy Horton

Next Meeting: April 11, 2019
Link to LAAC 2018-19 Meeting Calendar

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LAUSD Regional Meeting Draft Outline
Theme: Stronger Together
March 11, 2019
4:00pm – 5:15pm

Time	**Topic, Slides**	**Presenter**
3:00pm – 3:55pm (55 min)	**Set-Up**	N/A
3:55pm – 4:00pm (5mins)	**Seating**	CCSA Staff Usher attendees in
4:05pm – 4:10pm (5mins)	**Welcome**	Cassy and E&C
4:10pm – 4:15pm (5mins)	**Landscape Update: post job action / Moratorium / Sacramento**	Cassy
4:15pm – 4:20pm (5mins)	**Local Opportunities (LTFUA's / Charter Renewal Criteria)**	E&C
4:20pm – 5:05pm (45mins)	**~~BD5 Run-Off Candidates Interview (pending outcomes)~~** **OR** **Legislator Interview (pending: Blanca Rubio)**	E/C?
5:05pm – 5:10pm (5mins)	**Call to Action**	E/C?
5:10pm – 5:15pm (5mins)	**Closing Remarks**	Cassy